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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, 12th Street Lobby
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
IB Docket No. 01-185

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, January 21, 2003, David Otten, Chairman & CEO of Celsat America, Inc. ("Celsat"), held a telephone conversation with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy. During the call, Celsat stressed that two gating factors are necessary to ensure that the ancillary terrestrial component (ATC) of mobile satellite services (MSS) remains truly "ancillary" to the satellite service: (i) continuous satellite coverage to all of the United States as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and (ii) every phone in the MSS licensee's network must be capable of communicating directly through both the MSS licensee's satellites and the ATC ground towers. Celsat also explained that MSS will thrive, especially in rural America, only if the Commission adopts the aforementioned gating factors for ATC.

In accordance with Section 1.49(f)(1) of the Commission's rules, an electronic version of this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the docket listed above. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian Weimer

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy